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8                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE  
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10                   UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CASE NO. 22-CR-00105-LK

11                   Plaintiff,

ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL

12                   v.

13                   DANNI WALKER,

14                   Defendant.

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16                  This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Danni Walker's Unopposed Motion to  
17 Continue Trial and Pretrial Motion Dates, Dkt. No. 12, as well as her Speedy Trial Waiver, Dkt.  
18 No. 13. On July 27, 2022, a federal grand jury indicted Defendant on six counts of wire fraud  
19 related to her submission of allegedly false and misleading Paycheck Protection Program loan  
20 applications, a source of financial assistance provided by the Government through the Coronavirus  
21 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. *See* Dkt. No. 1. Defendant pleaded not guilty  
22 to all counts and is currently scheduled to be tried before a jury on September 26, 2022. Dkt. No.  
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1 Defense counsel seeks to continue trial to April 10, 2023 “to allow sufficient time to  
2 conduct investigations, conduct legal research, review the discovery with Ms. Walker, prepare for  
3 pre-trial motions, and prepare for trial.” Dkt. No. 12 at 1. Counsel observes that this case “involves  
4 at least ten allegedly misleading loan applications” and that discovery is accordingly “voluminous  
5 and will require a significant amount of time to read, analyze, and review[.]” *Id.* at 2. The Court  
6 agrees. Moreover, Defendant avers that she understands her rights under the Sixth Amendment  
7 and Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, and “knowingly, voluntarily, and with advice of counsel  
8 waive[s her] right to a speedy trial and consent[s] to the continuation of trial . . . to a date up to and  
9 including May 10, 2023.” Dkt. No. 13 at 1.

10 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the Court finds that the ends of justice served by  
11 granting a continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and Defendant in any speedier trial.  
12 Specifically, the Court finds that failure to grant the requested continuance would likely result in  
13 a miscarriage of justice and would deny defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective  
14 preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence, due to counsel’s need for more time  
15 to review the evidence, consider possible defenses, and gather evidence material to the defense.  
16 See 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), (iv). The Court also finds that the additional time requested is a  
17 reasonable period of delay and will be necessary to provide counsel and Defendant reasonable time  
18 to accomplish these tasks and prepare for trial.

19 For these reasons, the Court ORDERS that trial shall be continued from September 26,  
20 2022 to April 10, 2023. It is further ORDERED that, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and  
21 (B), the period of delay from the original September 26, 2022 trial date to the new trial date is  
22 EXCLUDED when computing the time within which Defendant’s trial must commence under the  
23 Speedy Trial Act. Pretrial motions are due no later than February 27, 2023.

24 Dated this 24th day of August, 2022.

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Lauren King  
United States District Judge